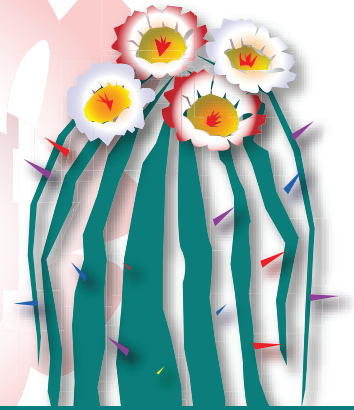




Barrel District Network News



Councilmember Yvonne Knaack - City of Glendale, Barrel District

November 16, 2007



Councilmember Knaack congratulates Al McCoy at McCoy's 2007 Basketball Hall of Fame Inductee Luncheon on Wednesday, Nov. 14.

Jordin Sparks to Flip the Switch at Glendale Glitters. Glendale's own Jordin Sparks will appear at Glendale Glitters Spectacular on Friday, Nov. 23, to help flip the switch to illuminate downtown Glendale with more than 1.5 million lights! Jordin will also carry out the Glendale Glitters tradition of reading *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*.

About the Event. Glendale Glitters Spectacular Weekend will rekindle your holiday spirit on Nov. 23 & 24, from 5-10 p.m., both Friday and Saturday. Free admission and free parking mean you can bring the whole family and not break the bank! City officials encourage attendees to use the free shuttle service to the downtown area. The shuttles will run from the Glendale Community College parking lot, at 59th and Olive avenues, between 4 and 10:30 p.m.

Murphy Park and Historic Downtown Glendale will be abuzz both evenings with multiple stages of entertainment, food, hand-crafted holiday gifts, a children's winter wonderland, horse-drawn carriage rides, shopping and, of course, visits with Jolly Ol' St. Nick. [Read more.](#)



Youth sports coaches needed for youth sports. Have you been meaning to give some time back to your community but don't know how or where? Here is your chance to make a difference with children who participate in Glendale's youth sports programs. Volunteer coaches are needed for the 2008 spring sports season. Interested parents/coaches will be asked to fill out a coach application in the Parks and Recreation office. In addition, coaches must undergo a background check and become certified through the National Youth Sports Coaches Association. If you, or someone you know is interested, call (623) 930-2820.



DATE CORRECTION: Citizen's Police Academy. This is a chance for residents or business owners to get an insider's look at law enforcement, and specifically, how the Police Department operates. The academy gives participants a unique opportunity to learn, hands-on, about police operations. Students will learn about crime scene investigation, tactical operations, use of canines and much more. To participate in the academy you must be 18 years of age or older, and be able to commit to attend an 11-week program. Classes begin **February 6**, and **applications are due by January 10**, so get yours in today! Class size is limited and applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. [Click here](#), then click on "Citizen Police Academy" for more information or to download an application.

Earned Income Tax Credit Volunteers Needed. Glendale is seeking volunteers to assist in tax preparation for low income residents. A few hours of your time might mean a significant refund to those who can claim the Earned Income Tax Credit and are unable to afford tax preparation

services. Volunteers will help hundreds of Glendale families boost their income by up to 35 percent by helping them claim the Earned Income Tax Credit. In the last year, 2,604 taxpayers in Glendale were assisted with this service. The total Earned Income Tax Credit portion of these refunds totaled \$558,635.

Volunteers are needed to be site coordinators, tax preparers, screeners, greeters and interpreters. To volunteer, contact Dolores L. Herrera with the IRS at 602-207-8416 or via e-mail at dolores.l.herrera@irs.gov. Volunteers must apply by Dec. 31.

Around Town

Thanksgiving Holiday. City of Glendale offices and all three libraries will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 22 and Friday, Nov. 23 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Glendale libraries will close at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 21. [Click here](#) for the holiday sanitation collection schedule.

Glendale Glitters Spectacular Weekend. This event will rekindle your holiday spirit on Nov. 23 & 24, from 5-10 p.m., both Friday and Saturday (see story above.) [Read more.](#)

Cell Phone Recycling. In celebration of America Recycles Day Nov. 15, the city of Glendale has developed a special cell phone-recycling program, which will run through Friday, Nov. 30. The public is encouraged to drop old cell phones off at Jobing.com Arena at Gate 3 on the Northwest corner of the building or at any of Glendale's three public libraries.

After the cell phones are collected, the West Valley Advocacy Center will arrange for the phones to be recycled. The phones will then become available for victims of stalking and domestic violence. [Read more.](#)

Jingle Bell Hike to Santa. Meet jolly ol' Saint Nick halfway up this moderate 1/3-mile, round-trip hike. Join us from 9 to 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Thunderbird Conservation Park, located on 67th Avenue, north of Deer Valley Road. Wear hiking or tennis shoes and bring water, but please leave pets at home. For more information, call (623) 930-2044.

Glories of the Holidays Concert. Enjoy the "Glories of the Holidays" at a free holiday concert featuring the Arizona Winds and the Arizona Arts Chorale. This family concert begins at 2:30 pm on Sunday December 2nd at [Midwestern University](#), 19555 North 59th Avenue, in Ocotillo Hall. Doors will open at 2:00 pm.

Sponsored in part by a performing arts grant through the Glendale Arts Commission, the program will feature a variety of band and vocal holiday favorites, plus a holiday sing-along. For more information, call (623) 572-3353 or visit the performing organizations online: The Arizona Winds www.azwinds.com and The Arizona Arts Chorale www.arizonaartschorale.org

Public Housing Youth Art Program. An exhibit, open until Dec. 5 at Glendale Community College, 6000 W. Olive Ave., will showcase the creative work of Glendale youth. The exhibit will be displayed in the Student Union. "Picture Glendale" was a collaborative program between the city's Library and Arts Program, Parks & Recreation's Community Center, and the Community Housing Division, which offered an art program to teens from public housing. [Read more.](#)

Holiday at the Ranch. This free event is held at the nostalgic Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area, located at 59th Ave. and Mountain View Road. On Saturday, Dec. 15, from 5-9 p.m., journey back in time to the late 1800's and experience a winter wonderland-like atmosphere amid the dirt roads and old farmhouses. Celebrate the traditions of a hometown holiday on this 17-acre ranch, with fun-filled activities such as the Elves Workshop, St. Nick photos, arts & crafts, family games, the Polar Express train ride, live entertainment and the Gingerbread House exhibit. And the best part? Everyone walks away with candy and prizes! For more information, call (623) 930-2042.

City Council Meetings and Workshops. [Click here.](#)

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